

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3391–S3436

Measures Introduced: Nineteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 936–954, and S. Res. 140–141. **Pages S3429–30**

Measures Reported:

S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018. **Page S3429**

Measures Passed:

National Travel and Tourism Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 141, recognizing the goals of National Travel and Tourism Week and honoring the valuable contributions of travel and tourism to the United States. **Page S3436**

Federal, State, and Local Law Enforcement Officers: Senate agreed to S. Res. 140, commemorating and acknowledging the dedication and sacrifices made by the Federal, State, and local law enforcement officers who have been killed or injured in the line of duty. **Page S3436**

Measures Considered:

Water Resources Development Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of S. 601, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S3397–S3400, S3400–21**

Adopted:

Boxer (for Baucus) Amendment No. 847, to modify a provision relating to Northern Rockies headwaters extreme weather mitigation. **Pages S3401–08**

Boxer/Vitter Modified Amendment No. 899, relating to the State of Louisiana's Comprehensive Master Plan for a Sustainable Coast, and to improve a provision relating to dam optimization. **Pages S3401–08**

Vitter (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 895, to clarify the role of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma regarding the maintenance of the W.D. Mayo Lock and Dam in the State of Oklahoma. **Pages S3401–08**

Vitter (for Wicker) Amendment No. 894, to express the sense of Congress that, in recognition of

the contributions of Donald G. Waldon to the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway, a lock and dam on that waterway should be designated as the "Donald G. Waldon Lock and Dam". **Pages S3401–08**

Vitter (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 867, to allow the Secretary to accept and expend non-Federal amounts for repair, restoration, or replacement of certain water resources projects. **Pages S3401–08**

Vitter (for Boozman) Amendment No. 872, to improve planning and administration relating to water supply storage activities. **Pages S3401–08**

Vitter (for Thune/Johnson (SD)) Amendment No. 912, to authorize the Secretary to assist Indian tribes in addressing shoreline erosion in the Upper Missouri River Basin. **Pages S3401–08**

Vitter (for Cornyn) Amendment No. 880, to deauthorize portions of the project for East Fork of Trinity River, Texas. **Pages S3401–08**

Vitter (for Murkowski/Begich) Amendment No. 904, to declare certain areas in Seward, Alaska, as nonnavigable waters of the United States for purposes of navigational servitude. **Pages S3401–08**

Boxer (for Klobuchar) Amendment No. 884, to require the closure of the Upper St. Anthony Falls Lock and Dam if certain conditions are met. **Pages S3401–08**

Boxer (for Wyden) Modified Amendment No. 870, to modify a provision relating to Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund prioritization. **Pages S3401–08**

Vitter (for Cochran) Modified Amendment No. 911, to provide Crediting Authority for Federally Authorized Navigation Projects. **Pages S3401–08**

Boxer (for Carper) Amendment No. 882, to modify the allocation of funds to the Susquehanna River Basin Commission, Delaware River Basin Commission, and the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin to fulfill equitable funding requirements of the respective interstate compacts of the Commissions. **Pages S3401–08**

Vitter (for Murkowski) Modified Amendment No. 903, to authorize the Secretary to enter into deep draft port development partnerships. **Pages S3401–08**

Boxer (for Durbin) Modified Amendment No. 906, to provide for a severe flooding and drought management study of the greater Mississippi River Basin. **Pages S3401–08**

Boxer (for Levin/Stabenow) Amendment No. 893, to provide for the policy relating to the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund prioritization.

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Vitter (for Collins) Amendment No. 898, to provide for the reopening of the Cape Arundel Disposal Site as a dredged material disposal site.

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Boxer (for Cardin) Modified Amendment No. 861, to improve a provision relating to project acceleration.

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Boxer (for Brown/Graham) Amendment No. 907, to provide for further project authorizations.

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Boxer (for Wyden) Amendment No. 896, to require the Government Accountability Office to carry out a study evaluating the effectiveness of activities funded by the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund in maximizing economic growth and job creation in port communities.

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Boxer (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 797, to authorize a land exchange.

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Rejected:

By 52 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 119), Barrasso Amendment No. 868, to preserve existing rights and responsibilities with respect to waters of the United States. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment was not agreed to.)

Pages S3409–11, S3412–15, S3416–17, S3417

By 56 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 120), Sanders/Leahy Amendment No. 889, to address restoration of certain properties impacted by natural disasters. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment was not agreed to.)

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Pending:

Hoeven Amendment No. 909, to restrict charges for certain surplus water.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that the only remaining amendments in order to the bill be the following: Coburn Amendment No. 815; Coburn Amendment No. 816; Boozman Amendment No. 882; Merkley Amendment No. 866; and Udall (NM) Amendment No. 853; that no second-degree amendments be in order to any of the amendments prior to votes on or in relation to the amendments; that there be two minutes equally divided prior to each vote; and that upon disposition of Hoeven Amendment No. 909, the cloture motion on the bill be withdrawn, and Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that when the Senate continues consideration of the bill on Wednesday, May 15, 2013, it resume the voting sequence in the previous order with all after the first vote being ten minute votes; and all

other provisions of the previous order remain in effect.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, May 15, 2013.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—120) **Pages S3417, S3418**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:39 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 15, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3436.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, "Agriculture Reform, Food, and Jobs Act of 2013".

APPROPRIATIONS: COAST GUARD

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the Coast Guard, after receiving testimony from Admiral Robert J. Papp, Jr., Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower concluded a hearing to examine Marine Corps modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Sean J. Stackley, Assistant Secretary of

the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition, and Lieutenant General Richard P. Mills, USMC, Deputy Commandant for Combat Development and Integration, and Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, both of the Department of Defense.

SITUATION IN SYRIA

Committee on Armed Services: Committee received a closed briefing on the situation in Syria from James N. Miller, Under Secretary for Policy, Lieutenant General Terry Wolff, USA, Director, Strategic Plans and Policy (J-5), Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Michael Lansdown, Barry Truluck, and Amir Asmar, all Analysts, Defense Intelligence Agency, all of the Department of Defense.

RETURNING PRIVATE CAPITAL TO MORTGAGE MARKETS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment concluded a hearing to examine returning private capital to mortgage markets, focusing on housing finance reform, after receiving testimony from Mark A. Willis, New York University Furman Center for Real Estate and Urban Policy, and Andrew Davidson, Andrew Davidson and Co., Inc., both of New York, New York; Phillip L. Swagel, University of Maryland School of Public Policy, Chevy Chase; and Robert Van Order, George Washington University, Chicago, Illinois.

STATE OF VIDEO

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet concluded a hearing to examine the state of video, after receiving testimony from Senator McCain; former Senator Gordon Smith, National Association of Broadcasters, Michael K. Powell, National Cable and Telecommunications Association, R. Stanton Dodge, DISH Network L.L.C., and John Bergmayer, Public Knowledge, all of Washington, D.C.

NATURAL GAS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine what the next applications are for natural gas and how this new demand will be met, focusing on pipeline infrastructure and increased use of natural gas in the transportation sector, after receiving testimony from Jeff Wright, Director, Office of Energy Projects, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy; Kathryn Clay, Drive Natural Gas Initiative, and Donald Santa, Jr., Interstate Natural Gas Association of America, both of Washington, D.C.; Scott Prochazka, Centerpoint Energy, Inc., Houston, Texas; Jim Arthurs, Cummins Westport Inc., Van-

couver, British Columbia; Robert Carrick, Daimler Trucks North America, and Gregg Kantor, NW Natural, both of Portland, Oregon; Richard Cargile, Midstream Energy Transfer Partners, Dallas, Texas; Steve Bolze, GE Power and Water, Fairfield, Connecticut; Gordon van Welie, ISO New England, Holyoke, Massachusetts; Jesus Soto, Jr., Pacific Gas and Electric Company, San Francisco, California; and Jim Bruce, UPS, Atlanta, Georgia.

MEDICARE PHYSICIANS PAYMENTS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Medicare physicians payments, focusing on advancing reform, after receiving testimony from Mark E. Miller, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission; and A. Bruce Steinwald, Bruce Steinwald Consulting, and Kavita K. Patel, The Brookings Institution, both of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 793, to support revitalization and reform of the Organization of American States;

S. 579, to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the triennial International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly; and

The nominations of James Knight, of Alabama, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chad, and Deborah Kay Jones, of New Mexico, to be Ambassador to Libya, both of the Department of State.

THE ADA AND ENTERTAINMENT TECHNOLOGIES

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Americans with Disabilities Act and entertainment technologies, focusing on improving accessibility from the movie screen to your mobile device, including S. 555, to amend the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 to require captioning and video description at certain movie theaters, and S. 556, to amend title 49, United States Code, to improve the accessibility of entertainment programming provided by air carriers on passenger flights, after receiving testimony from Eve L. Hill, Senior Counselor to the Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights, Department of Justice; Karen Peltz Strauss, Deputy Chief, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Federal Communications Commission; John Fithian, National Association of Theatre Owners, Inc., Washington, D.C.; Betsy Beaumon, Benetech, Palo Alto, California; Brian Charlson, Carroll Center for the Blind, Watertown, Massachusetts, on behalf of the

American Council of the Blind; and Andrew Phillips, National Association of the Deaf, Silver Spring, Maryland.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee resumed consideration of S. 744, to provide for comprehensive immigration reform, but did not complete action thereon.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 24 public bills, H.R. 7, 1958–1980; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 44–45; and H. Res. 213, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H2604–05

Report Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 180, to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty (H. Rept. 113–54).

H.R. 767, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to modify the Pilot Project offices of the Federal Permit Streamlining Pilot Project, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–55);

H.R. 573, to amend Public Law 93–435 with respect to the Northern Mariana Islands, providing parity with Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa (H. Rept. 113–56); and

H.R. 356, to clarify authority granted under the Act entitled “An Act to define the exterior boundary of the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation in the State of Utah, and for other purposes” (H. Rept. 113–57).

Pages H2601–02

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Webster to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:06 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:11 p.m. and reconvened at 5:03 p.m.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

National Blue Alert Act of 2013: H.R. 180, amended, to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement of-

ficer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 406 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 144;

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Affirming the policy of the United States regarding Internet governance: H.R. 1580, to affirm the policy of the United States regarding Internet governance, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 413 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 145; and

Pages H2582–84, H2587

Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha: S. Con. Res. 10, to authorize the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 411 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 146.

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Recess: The House recessed at 5:42 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye-a-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2586–87, H2587, and H2587–88. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 271, “Resolving Environmental and Grid Reliability Conflicts Act of 2013”; H.R. 1407, Animal Drug User Fee Amendments of 2013, as amended by the Subcommittee on Health; and H.R. 1919, the “Safeguarding America’s Pharmaceuticals Act of 2013”.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold closed hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for National and Military Intelligence programs, 10 a.m., SVC-217.

Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the Departments of the Air Force and Army, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the National Institutes of Health, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the Department of Energy, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on National Security and International Trade and Finance, to hold hearings to examine improving cross border resolution to better protect taxpayers and the economy, 2 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine advanced vehicle technology and its implications, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine United States Policy toward Iran; to be immediately followed by a closed briefing on an intelligence update on Iran in SH-219, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine performance management and congressional oversight, focusing on 380 recommendations to reduce overlap and duplication, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert D. Okun, and Michael Kenny O'Keefe, both to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the views and priorities of Interior Secretary Jewell with regard to matters of Indian affairs, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine pending benefits legislation, 10 a.m., SR-418.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1947, the "Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act of 2013", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies,

markup on FY 2014 Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, 11 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 271, the "Resolving Environmental and Grid Reliability Conflicts Act of 2013"; H.R. 1407, Animal Drug User Fee Amendments of 2013, as amended by the Subcommittee on Health; and H.R. 1919, the "Safeguarding America's Pharmaceuticals Act of 2013", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Who Is Too Big to Fail: Does Title II of the Dodd-Frank Act Enshrine Taxpayer-Funded Bailouts?", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled "Recent Developments in the Investigation of the Murder of Human Rights Attorney Patrick Finucane", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, markup on the following measures: H.R. 1897, the "Vietnam Human Rights Act of 2013"; H.R. 1951, the "Sean and David Goldman International Child Abduction Prevention and Return Act of 2013"; and H. Res. 131, concerning the ongoing conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the need for international efforts toward long-term peace, stability, and observance of human rights, 11:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Full Committee, hearing entitled "Preventing a Nuclear Iran", 1:15 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1417, the "Border Security Results Act of 2013", 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Oversight of the United States Department of Justice", 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, markup on the following measures: H.R. 687, the "Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2013"; H.R. 761, the "National Strategic and Critical Minerals Production Act of 2013"; H.R. 819, "Preserving Access to Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area Act"; H.R. 910, the "Sikes Act Reauthorization Act of 2013"; H.R. 957, the "American Soda Ash Competitiveness Act"; H.R. 981, the "Resource Assessment of Rare Earths Act of 2013"; H.R. 1063, the "National Strategic and Critical Minerals Policy Act of 2013"; H.R. 1080, to amend the Sikes Act to promote the use of cooperative agreements under such Act for land management related to Department of Defense readiness activities and to amend title 10, United States Code, to facilitate inter-agency cooperation in conservation programs to avoid or reduce adverse impacts on military readiness activities; H.R. 1169, the "Naval Air Station Fallon Housing and Safety Development Act"; H.R. 1299, the "White Sands Missile Range Security Enhancement Act"; H.R. 1300 to amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to reauthorize

the volunteer programs and community partnerships for the benefit of national wildlife refuges; H.R. 1384, the “Wildlife Refuge System Conservation Semipostal Stamp Act of 2013”; H.R. 1574, to amend the Dayton Aviation Heritage Preservation Act of 1992 to rename a site of the park; H.R. 1613, the “Outer Continental Shelf Transboundary Hydrocarbon Agreements Authorization Act”; H.R. 1672, “Limestone Hills Training Area Withdrawal Act”; H.R. 1673, to provide for the transfer of certain public land currently administered by the Bureau of Land Management to the administrative jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Navy for inclusion in Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, California; H.R. 1676, the “Johnson Valley National Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area Establishment Act”; and H.R. 1691, the “Chocolate Mountain Aerial Gunnery Range Transfer Act of 2013”; 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 1062, the “SEC Regulatory Accountability Act”; and H.R. 45, to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and health care-related provisions in the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, 1 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Patent Reform Implementation and New Challenges for Small Businesses”, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures, hearing entitled “Small Business and Pass-Through Entity Tax Reform”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine women in manufacturing, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

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Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, May 15

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 10:30 a.m.), Senate will continue consideration of S. 601, Water Resources Development Act, with a series of up to seven roll call votes on or in relation to amendments and passage of the bill.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of the following measures under suspension of the rules: 1) H.R. 701—To amend a provision of the Securities Act of 1933 directing the Securities and Exchange Commission to add a particular class of securities to those exempted under such Act to provide a deadline for such action; 2) H.R. 384—Homes for Heroes Act of 2013, as amended; 3) H.R. 356—Hill Creek Cultural Preservation and Energy Development Act; 4) H.R. 767—To amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to modify the Pilot Project offices of the Federal Permit Streamlining Pilot Project; and 5) H.R. 573—To amend Public Law 93-435 with respect to the Northern Mariana Islands, providing parity with Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa.

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